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Local Jeweler Creates Work Program for Newhouse

(Kansas City, MO, August 31, 2010) – Local company nix&stones has partnered with Newhouse to establish a work program for women victims of domestic violence.

This summer, Amy Nix, founder of nix&stones, began providing workshops to teach Newhouse clients how to make jewelry including Nix's signature piece, the Domestic Violence Prevention Angel Wing necklace. Nix compensates the women for their work and sells their pieces online and in boutiques nationwide. In addition, Nix donates a portion of the sales of each Domestic Violence Prevention Angel Wing to Newhouse.

“Newhouse primarily serves the urban core of Kansas City, an area with a disproportionate share of high unemployment rates and poverty,” says Leslie Caplan, Newhouse President. “70% of the women who have entered Newhouse in 2010 reported zero income without the income of their abuser. Amy's program will not only teach women the skill of jewelry making, but also help provide them with a much needed source of income.”

“Domestic violence is real problem that can affect anyone- your friends, family, and neighbors,” stresses Nix. “Through this program, I hope to remove the taboos and the shame often associated with domestic violence victims; I hope to empower these women and help build their self-confidence so that they are better able to escape the cycle of domestic violence.”

Nix continues to teach the trade of jewelry making at Newhouse and hopes the success of her program will encourage other businesses to establish similar work programs. To view or purchase the Domestic Violence Prevention Angel Wing necklace or for more information about nix&stones visit www.NixandStones.com.

About Newhouse

Founded in 1971, the Newhouse mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing tools that allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives. In 2009, Newhouse sheltered 943 women and children. www.NewhouseShelter.org